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San Diego Public Library Kicks off Annual Summer Reading Program Mega Recreational Activity Includes Adult Component for the First Time

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library kicked off the summer with an all-ages Summer Reading Program for kids, teenagers and adults on Wednesday, June 15. For the first time, this popular summer pastime will include an adult component, giving young readers the inspiring opportunity to see the adults they love reading for pleasure. All San Diegans are invited to sign up for the Summer Reading Program which will run through August 15.

Participants earn prizes after logging the books they have read throughout the summer or the number of hours spent reading. Readers earn various small prizes for their progress as they log their hours, and raffle prizes will be awarded in the end. All participants receive various prizes for signing up. Summer reading prizes need to be picked up at participants' local branch libraries.

A World Travel theme spans the program for readers of all ages. The reading theme for children up to age 11 is "One World, Many Stories," while that for young adults aged 12-18 is "You Are Here." In their first summer reading program, adults are invited to travel to "Novel Destinations." Each library will host special events for children, teens, and adults.

For the first time in 2011, participants can sign up for the Summer Reading Program online at www.sandiegolibrary.org. Offline, readers can register at any library site although the library encourages online sign-ups. Signing up online makes it easier for participants to log the amount of time spent reading, list names of books read, write book reviews, and read others' reviews.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials online in the Library's catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.